

CLAIMS:

We claim:

[c1] A method in a computer system for providing information related to at least a first and second supplier, the first and second suppliers providing services for a contracting company, the method comprising:

receiving a first request for a first user interface display page from the first supplier;

in response to the received first request, providing the requested first user interface display page to the first supplier, the requested first user interface display page being configured to receive first supplier information, the first supplier information related to the services provided by the first supplier for the contracting company;

receiving the first supplier information from the first supplier;

receiving a second request for a second user interface display page from the second supplier;

in response to the received second request, providing the requested second user interface display page to the second supplier, the requested second user interface display page being configured to receive second supplier information, the second supplier information related to the services provided by the second supplier for the contracting company;

receiving the second supplier information from the second supplier;

compiling the first and second supplier information;

receiving a third request from the contracting company for a supplier report display page; and

in response to the received third request, providing the requested supplier report display page to the contracting company, the requested supplier report display page containing at least a portion of the compiled first and second supplier information.

[c2] The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive manpower data, work product delivery data, invoice data, or work product defect data.

[c3] The method of claim 1 wherein:
the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive head count data related to supplier personnel who provided services for the contracting company; and
the supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received head count data.

[c4] The method of claim 1 wherein:
the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive delivery data related to work product delivered to the contracting company; and
the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received delivery data.

[c5] The method of claim 1 wherein:
the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive invoice data related to invoices submitted to the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received invoice data.

[C6] The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive project data related to quality enhancement projects undertaken; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received project data.

[C7] The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive defect data related to defective work product provided to the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received defect data.

[C8] The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first and second user interface display pages are configured to receive supplier information separated according to an organizational structure of the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the received supplier information separated according to the organizational structure.

[C9] A method in a computer system for providing information related to supplier performance, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a user interface display page from a first user computer;

in response to the received request, providing the requested user interface display page to the first user computer, the requested user interface display page being configured to receive supplier performance information;

receiving the supplier performance information from the user computer;

receiving a request for a supplier report display page from a second user computer; and

in response to the received request, providing the requested supplier report display page to the second user computer, the requested supplier report display page containing at least a portion of the received supplier performance information.

[C10] The method of claim 9 wherein the user interface display page is a first user interface display page configured to receive first supplier performance information, and further comprising:

receiving a request for a second user interface display page from a third user computer;

in response to the received request, providing the requested second user interface display page to the third user computer, the requested second user interface display page being configured to receive second supplier performance information;

receiving the second supplier performance information from the third user computer; and

processing the first and second supplier performance information, wherein the provided supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the processed first and second supplier performance information.

[C11] The method of claim 10 wherein processing the first and second supplier performance information includes combining the first supplier performance information with the second supplier performance information.

[C12] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive head count data related to supplier personnel providing services in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the head count data.

[C13] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive delivery data related to work product provided in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the delivery data.

[C14] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive invoice data related to invoices submitted in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the invoice data.

[C15] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive project data related to quality enhancement projects undertaken in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the project data.

[C16] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive defect data related to defective work product provided in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the defect data.

[C17] The method of claim 9 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive supplier performance information separated according to an organizational structure of a contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the supplier performance information separated according to the organizational structure.

[C18] A method in a computer system for providing information related to supplier performance to a server computer, the method comprising:

requesting a user interface display page from the server computer;

in response to the request, receiving the requested user interface display page from the server computer, the requested user interface display page being configured to receive selected supplier performance information;

receiving the selected supplier performance information; and

transmitting the received supplier performance information to the user computer.

[c19] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive head count data related to supplier personnel providing services in connection with a contractor.

[c20] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive delivery data related to work product provided in connection with a contractor.

[c21] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive invoice data related to invoices submitted in connection with a contractor.

[c22] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive project data related to quality enhancement projects undertaken in connection with a contractor.

[c23] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive defect data related to defective work product provided in connection with a contractor.

[c24] The method of claim 18 wherein the requested user interface display page is configured to receive supplier performance information separated according to an organizational structure of a contracting company.

[c25] A computer system for providing information related to supplier performance, the computer system comprising:

means for receiving a request for a user interface display page from a first user computer;

means for providing the requested user interface display page to the first user computer in response to the received request, the requested user interface display page being configured to receive selected supplier performance information;

means for receiving the selected supplier performance information from the first user computer;

means for receiving a request for a supplier report display page from a second user computer; and

means for providing the requested supplier report display page to the second user computer in response to the received request, the requested supplier report display page containing at least a portion of the received supplier performance information.

[c26] The computer system of claim 25 wherein the user interface display page is a first user interface display page configured to receive first selected supplier information, and further comprising:

means for receiving a request for a second user interface display page from a third user computer;

means for providing the requested second user interface display page to the third user computer in response to the received request, the requested second user interface display page being configured to receive second selected supplier performance information;

means for receiving the second selected supplier performance information from the third user computer; and

means for processing the first and second supplier performance information, wherein the provided supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the processed first and second supplier performance information.

[C27] The computer system of claim 25 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive head count data related to supplier personnel providing services in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the head count data.

[C28] The computer system of claim 25 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive delivery data related to work product provided in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the delivery data.

[C29] The computer system of claim 25 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive invoice data related to invoices submitted in connection with a contractor; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the invoice data.

[C30] The computer system of claim 25 wherein:

the requested user interface display page is configured to receive supplier performance information separated according to an organizational structure of a contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the supplier performance information separated according to the organizational structure.

[c31] A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to provide information related to services provided by a supplier for a contracting company, the information being provided by a method comprising:

receiving a request for a user interface display page from the supplier;

in response to the received request, providing the requested user interface display page to the supplier, the requested first user interface display page being configured to receive information related to the services provided by the supplier for the contracting company;

receiving, from the supplier, the information related to the services provided by the supplier;

receiving a request from the contracting company for a supplier report display page; and

in response to the received request, providing the requested supplier report display page to the contracting company, the requested supplier report display page containing at least a portion of the information received from the supplier.

[c32] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein the supplier is a first supplier and the request for the user interface display page is a first request for a first user interface display page, the method further comprising:

receiving a second request for a second user interface display page from a second supplier;

in response to the received second request, providing the requested second user interface display page to the second supplier, the requested second user interface display page being configured to receive information related to services provided by the second supplier for the contracting company;

receiving, from the second supplier, the information related to the services provided by the second supplier; and

processing the information received from the first and second suppliers related to the services provided by the first and second suppliers, wherein the provided supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the processed information.

[C33] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein the user interface display page is configured to receive manpower data, product delivery data, invoice data, or product defect data.

[C34] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:
the user interface display page is configured to receive head count data related to supplier personnel who provided services for the contracting company; and

the supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the head count data.

[C35] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:
the user interface display page is configured to receive delivery data related to work product delivered to the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the delivery data.

[C36] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:
the user interface display page is configured to receive invoice data related to invoices submitted to the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the invoice data.

[C37] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:

the user interface display page is configured to receive project data related to quality enhancement projects undertaken; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the project data.

[C38] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:

the user interface display page is configured to receive defect data related to defective work product provided to the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the defect data.

[C39] The computer-readable medium of claim 31 wherein:

the user interface display page is configured to receive supplier information separated according to an organizational structure of the contracting company; and

the requested supplier report display page contains at least a portion of the supplier information separated according to the organizational structure.

[C40] A computer-readable medium containing a display page for receiving information related to services provided by a supplier for a contracting company, the display page comprising:

a time period field configured to receive an indication of a time period to which the supplier information relates;

a services description portion identifying at least one service provided by the supplier for the contracting company;

an organization portion identifying at least one organization within the contracting company for which the supplier has provided the at least one service; and

a performance metric field, the performance metric field configured to receive a metric related to the at least one service and the at least one organization.

[C41] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the display page is configured to receive supplier manpower information and the performance metric field is configured to receive a head count.

[C42] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the display page is configured to receive supplier invoice information and the performance metric field is configured to receive a dollar value.

[C43] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the display page is configured to receive work product delivery information and the performance metric field is configured to receive a count of work product deliveries.

[C44] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the time period field is configured to receive a selected month.

[C45] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the services description portion identifies an engineering service and a drafting service, the performance metric field is a first performance metric field configured to receive

a first metric related to the engineering service, and wherein the display page further comprises:

a second performance metric field configured to receive a second metric related to the drafting service; and

a total metric field configured to present a third metric based on the first and second metrics.

[C46] The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the services description portion identifies an engineering service and a drafting service, the performance metric field is a first performance metric field configured to receive a first head count related to the engineering service, and wherein the display page further comprises:

a second performance metric field configured to receive a second head count related to the drafting service; and

a total metric field configured to present a third head count based on the first and second head counts.

[C47] A computer-readable medium containing a display page for receiving information related to work product packages delivered to a contracting company, the display page comprising:

a time period field configured to receive an indication of a time period to which the information relates;

an organization portion identifying at least one organization within the contracting company to which the work product packages relate;

a packages delivered field configured to receive a count related to the work product packages; and

a packages delivered on time field configured to receive a count related to a portion of the work product packages delivered on time.

[C48] The computer-readable medium of claim 46 wherein the time period field is configured to receive a month.

[C49] The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further comprising a services description portion identifying at least one service to which the work product packages relate.

[C50] A computer-readable medium containing a display page for presenting information related to services provided by at least one supplier for a contracting company, the display page comprising:

- a time period field configured to indicate a period of time to which the information relates;

- a services description portion identifying at least one service provided by the at least one supplier for the contracting company;

- an organization portion identifying at least one organization within the contracting company for which the at least one service was provided; and

- a performance metric field, the performance metric field configured to present a metric related to the at least one service and the at least one organization.

[C51] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the display page presents information related to services provided by a first supplier and a second supplier for the contracting company, wherein the performance metric field is configured to present a metric related to a first service provided by the first supplier for the at least one organization and a second service provided by the second supplier for the at least one organization.

[C52] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the display page presents information related to services provided by a first supplier and a second supplier for the contracting company, wherein the performance metric field is a first performance metric field, and wherein the display page further comprises:

a second performance metric field; and

a geographical region portion identifying at least first and second geographical regions, wherein the first performance metric field presents a metric related to the service provided by the first supplier located in the first geographical region, and the second performance metric presents a metric related to a service provided by the second supplier located in the second geographical region.

[C53] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the time period field is configured to present a month.

[C54] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the performance metric field is configured to present a count of work product packages delivered to the at least one organization.

[C55] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the display page further comprises a chart containing work product package delivery data.

[C56] The computer-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the performance metric field is configured to present a dollar value related to invoices submitted for the at least one service provided for the at least one organization.